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In re application of:

HAYDOCK, et al.

Application No.: 09/830,976

Filed: August 17, 2001

For: METHODS FOR PREVENTING  
CROSS-CONTAMINATION IN SOLID  
SUPPORT-BASED ASSAYS

Examiner: Cynthia B. Wilder

Art Unit: 1637

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for an extension of time and the appropriate fees accompany this amendment.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Amendment.

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